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In re Application of

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Serial No. 09/455,664

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REMOVABLE FILTERS AND WATER HEATING VESSELS INCORPORATING SUCH

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claim 8 without prejudice and add the following new claim:

13. A filter for use in a water heating vessel for removing sedimentary material, including scale, from the water, wherein the filter comprises a mesh material provided with a frame and a scale collector, separate from said mesh material, comprising a compacted mesh block provided with a bore and supported by a carrier member on the frame of the filter, which carrier member has a part which extends through the bore in the block and around which part the block is rotatable.

REMARKS

Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice and new Claim 13 has been added in place thereof. Claim 13, which is Claim 8 rewritten in independent form, unlike Claim 8, does not recite the limitation "the carrier member" objected to as lacking a sufficient antecedent basis. It is therefore considered that Claim 13, unlike claim 8, is not rejectable under 35U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reasons given by the Examiner.

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